

Appl. No.: 10/825,491

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Response to Office Action Mailed May 7, 2007

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application.

It is noted that the Office action cover sheet correctly stated that the Office action is not final, although apparently by typographical or clerical error, the Office action stated on page 2 that the claims were "finally rejected" (*see* p. 2, para. 3). It is respectfully submitted that such final rejection would be premature in view of the recent entry of the RCE.

In the amendment above, all prior pending claims have been cancelled, and new claims 9-11 are presented.

The new claims relate specifically to the method for processing the chamfering of a lens with a groove or V-shaped portion on an edge surface in accordance with the limitations of claim 9, and such claims are respectfully submitted to distinguish over all prior art of record. Reference is made, in particular, to the depiction of the effect of the claimed invention as set forth in FIG. 13, and as explained further in the original specification as follows:

[0164] In this case, the wire groove 38 is formed at a position at which the front edge portion F of a predetermined width is obtained in a direction of the edge thickness of the eyeglass lens ML from the anterior refractive surface fa of the eyeglass lens ML as shown in FIG. 13. The front edge portion F of the predetermined width is 1.3 mm, for example. A reason for setting the front edge portion F of the predetermined width is for securing a required minimum strength to prevent a forward portion of the wire groove 38 in the eyeglass lens ML from dropping out when processing the wire groove 38 on the edge end of the eyeglass lens ML by the groove forming cutter 17. Moreover, another reason for setting the

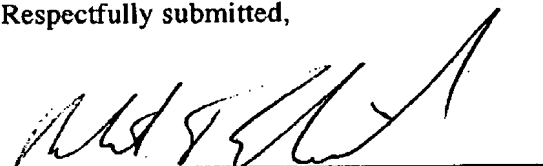
front edge portion F of the predetermined width is to for preventing the front edge portion F from dropping out, when a force is applied to the front edge portion F in a state that the eyeglass lens is supported by the wire fame by disposing the wire frame such as the NYLOL.RTM. in the wire groove 38.

It is thus respectfully submitted that JP 2002-126985 fails to disclose all of the claimed features of the method as set forth in claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that it is submitted that the rejections should be reconsidered and withdrawn; that the application is in condition for prompt allowance; and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in this application have now been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

Extension Request and Deposit Account Charge Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this communication, including any required fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) for any necessary extensions of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), which are hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application, or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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